FALL CULTURE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE STATE

-Tony Kuhn

The begining of October water your Hibiscus well before fertilizing with a 2-8-10. This will harden up your plants for the cold northerly breezes. Spray your plants with a combination of Isotox, Chlorodane Aramite and Captan. They are all compatable. Use each insecticide and funguicide full strength according to direction on the labels. Add a spreadersticker to the solution for better coverage. USE NO MALATHION. Water well in the morning and spray towards evening. This should keep your plants free of insects for a long period of time.

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CENTRAL AND NORTH FLORIDA CULTURE - Tommy Viers

Most folks wait until winter is just around the corner before beginning to harden off their Hibiscus. We find that by starting in the middle of the summer better results are obtained.

You may use 2-12-12 in a standard fertilizer or use Bloomaster "Ideal" brand. This is an excellent feeder for your plants and will help produce fine bloom also. Start the first of August if you wish and feed every two weeks, very lightly. Too much at one time will cause serious damage to your plants. Then about October 1st you can use "Hardi Gro" Ideal brand which is an 0-14-14 formula. After each application of fertilizer plants should be well watered.

You should start thinking about protection from the cold in the northern parts of the state. High banking with dirt is about the best measure if you do not have a greenhouse. Check with your garden supply dealer for more information in your particular area. You don't need to do any banking just yet but start to gather your materials on hand and get your fertilizer program in order so that your plants will be in good condition when cold hits later on.

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